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SUBJECT: ISRAELI MINISTER CRITICIZES CHANCELLOR KREISKY
AND AUSTRIA

1. IN A SPEECH AT VIENNA JUNE 23, ISRAELI MINISTER WITHOUT
PORTFOLIO GIDEON HAUSNER, CHIEF PROSECUTOR IN EICHMANN TRIAL
OF 1961/62, "SAT IN JUDGEMENT" (AS ONE PAPER TERMED IT) ON
AUSTRIA AND CHANCELLOR KREISKY FOR AUSTRIA'S CONTRIBUTIONS
TO NAZISM AND CHANCELLOR'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PLO.

2. TO AUDIENCE THAT INCLUDED MINJUSTICE BRODA AND MININTERIOR
ROSCH, HAUSNER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE HAVE HEARD IN ISRAEL
THAT IN AUSTRIA TRIALS OF ACCUSED NAZIS WERE VIRTUALLY DIS-
CONTINUED... FOR SUCH CRIMES THERE IS NO MORAL STATUTE OF
LIMITATIONS." HE SAID HE WAS "SHOCKED BY SEVERAL ACQUITTALS,"
AND WARNED AGAINST "DANGEROUS ILLUSION" THAT AUSTRIA
HAD "NOTHING TO DO" WITH NAZISM. "WHERE DID HITLER,
EICHMANN, KALTENBRUNNER AND GLOBOCNIK COME FROM?" HE
ASKED AND, CHARGING THAT SUCH POISONS INJECTED INTO
AUSTRIAN NATION MUST BE ERADICATED, SUGGESTED THAT
"EVERY TRIAL OF NAZI CRIMINALS COULD BE UTILIZED AS

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AN INSTRUCTIVE EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE."

3. WITH RESPECT TO PLO AND CHANCELLOR KREISKY, HAUSNER DISCOUNTED "REPORTS HEARD RECENTLY FROM CHANCELLOR THAT PLO WAS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND THAT EXTREME ARAB STATEMENTS WERE ONLY MADE FOR INTERNAL USE". ARAB PUBLIC STATEMENTS, NOT WHAT WAS WHISPERED "INTO THE EARS OF FOREIGN STATESMEN", WERE DECISIVE, HE CLAIMED. HE SAID PLO'S AIM WAS ANNIHILATION OF ISRAEL, AND THERE COULD BE NO RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PLO.

4. IN LATER INTERVIEW WITH "KURIER" HAUSNER ELABORATED THAT IT WOULD BE DISSERVICE TO AUSTRIA AS WELL AS TO ISRAEL TO PERMIT PLO OFFICE IN VIENNA. HE ALSO SAID ISRAEL UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM OF PALESTINIANS AND WAS EVEN WISHING TO RETURN COUNTRY WEST OF THE JORDAN, BUT PALESTINIAN ENTITY THERE WOULD "ONLY THREATEN FIRST JORDAN AND THEN US." BUCHANAN

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